

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Christian MERKLE et al.

Title: COMPONENT AND USE THEREOF AND METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: